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February 20, 2013

Kate Kelly, Director, Office of Air, Waste and Toxics
U.S. EPA Region 10
1200 6th Ave., Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Ms. Kelly,

I am requesting withdrawal of the *Interim Air Quality Plan for the Kootenai County Study Area* (Plan) from consideration for incorporation into Idaho's State Implementation Plan (Idaho's SIP). This Plan was submitted to EPA on December 21, 1995 in accordance with the *Kootenai County Air Quality Improvement Plan Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU) dated September 2, 1994. The MOU formalized expectations, activities, products and completion dates for development and implementation of an Air Quality Improvement Plan for Kootenai County.

There are two reasons for this request. The first being the implementation of air quality improvement strategies for open burning, agricultural burning, residential wood heating, and road sanding at the state and local levels have been successful. They have been effective at expeditiously addressing the PM₁₀ issues in Kootenai County and continue to be effective in ensuring compliance with the PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Secondly, the last violation of the PM₁₀ NAAQS occurred on October 9, 1992, two years prior to EPA, DEQ, and the Kootenai County Air Quality Advisory Committee signing the MOU. Therefore, DEQ no longer deems it necessary to incorporate these strategies outlined in the Plan into Idaho's SIP.

If you need additional information or have questions please contact Robert Wilkosz, Mobile and Area Source Program Manager at (208) 373-0302 or myself at (208) 373-0552.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany Floyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany Floyd
Air Quality Division Administrator